

JEAN ELIOT'S  
LETTER

SUSAN DEAR:—Another White House garden party, and being a White House garden party, altogether charming!

Also Mrs. Hemmick's masque "Shakespeare's Triumph" and Mrs. Miller's delightful buffet luncheon for Mrs. Lansing to add interest to the usual run of parties!

Also the Army and Navy baseball game and the beginning of the June Week festivities at the Naval Academy, which took the world and his wife and particularly his debutants and school girls by surprise. Annapolis, with a speedy representation of Cabinet ministers, their wives, and other dignitaries to add official tone to the occasion!

So you see we've had a gay and festive week. Curiously enough all the al fresco festivities were crowded into the last few days, which were so hot and even breathed of summer, while it rained dully earlier in the week.

Then there were weddings. Two of them were of considerable interest as to personnel, although simple in character, and of course everybody in town was thrilled over Gertrude Gordon's marriage to Dr. Grayson, although it inconsiderately was solemnized in New York.

## Didn't Seem Quite

## Fair to Capital Society.

It didn't seem quite fair that a man and a girl who had been so prominent and popular in Washington society as the President's favorite aide and physician and the girl whom Mrs. Wilson has described as her "ward by affection," although there is neither blood nor legal tie between them, should elect to be married in the Metropole where they are comparatively unknown.

Washington folk who have been watching the courtship with sympathetic eyes were not even numerously invited. And here we were cherishing visions of a White House wedding! Indeed, there have been White House weddings with far less éclat than this one, and it was rumored that the President and the First Lady were urging it.

There were no very elaborate "doings" in connection with the wedding, but it was all very sweet, and Dr. Grayson's bride was as "bridey" as possible in her white satin and lace. The ceremony was a simple, but lovely, reception, with a proper wedding cake made by the chef of the Mayflower.

As for Mabel Johnson's marriage to Marshall Landon and the wedding of Harriet Southard and J. Butler Wright, both events of yesterday, they served to prove one thing—that the prejudice against Saturday as a wedding day is waning in common with the superstition branding May as a bad luck month for marrying.

## May Slowly Coming

## Into Favor for Weddings.

May is coming more and more into favor as the month of marriages and Saturday seems to be the day par excellence for weddings just now. Alice Roosevelt and Nicholas Longworth were the first to brave the decree against Saturday and then last fall the President and his bride set their seal of approval upon the day.

If I mistake not, one of the President's daughters was also married Saturday. Saturday, October 1, the Ray-Baudouin and the Kauffmann-Murray weddings, both of a Saturday, and had I but space I could give you a long list of others.

From weddings it's but natural to drift to engagements and rumors of engagements, and just now the town is all agog with talk of the betrothal of Catherine Britton, the Prince Hohenzollern-Schillingfurst. She is wearing a stunning ring, and the story goes that the engagement has not been formally announced only because the Prince is being an attaché of the Austrian embassy, the announcement must come from his Government.

Only one more wedding, the Prince being an attaché of the Austrian embassy, the announcement must come from his Government. Yes, of course, but it's as well authenticated as any such gossip may be until it is given official sanction.

Of the engagements announced this week, the most interesting is that of Helen Elliott, Mrs. Gaffney's charming little niece, and Frederic Hildekoper. When some one queried Mr. Hildekoper about it recently, he replied, with a twinkle in his eye, "They say my brother and I are confirmed bachelors, that every girl in town has confirmed us." Nevertheless, the announcement came as no great surprise, for his attention to Miss Elliott had been marked all winter.

## Many House Parties To Go To Waste.

The appointment of Col. John Biddle, of the Engineer Corps, as superintendent of the Marine Academy, met with distinct approval except among the girls who are wont to visit at West Point. They cry "Think of that great, big, beautiful commandant's house given over to a bachelor, and think of all the perfectly thrilling house parties that will not be given during the next four years!"

However, house parties have been arranged, with due and proper chaperonage, by bachelors and bachelorettes, and in telling what time may bring forth. We in Washington are interested in Colonel Biddle's appointment, as he is widely known and liked here. Of course, you remember that he was once District Commissioner, but did you know that his six-year term was the longest any army officer has ever served as Commissioner of the District?

As for the Biddle-wells, they are of consequence all over this country, although Philadelphia is their native habitation. And, if of Philly, they are fond of Philadelphia that tell the story of a foreigner, who, after associating for several weeks with the elect of the Quaker City, turned to his neighbors at dinner and demanded "Mademoiselle, will you please tell me, what is a Biddle?"

The girls who flock to West Point are all regretful that the Townsleys are leaving, for Colonel Townsley, the present commandant, has two attractive daughters, Helen and Marian, and they have been notable hostesses. Both the Townsley girls have visited in Washington.

## Sure Sign That

## Summer Is Here.

Summer is here. There's no doubt about it now, for a large group of women as well as men appeared for dinner at the Chevy Chase Club on Wednesday evening in sport clothes. One of the most attractive of this group was Mrs. Conger Pratt, formerly Sadie Murray who is visiting General and Mrs. Murray while her husband is in Mexico. Sadie looks better than she



MRS. HARVEY CARROLL,  
Wife of the United States Consul at Venice, who is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Mark Goodwin.

ever did in her life and grows more attractive every day.

The dining room at the club on the night of the midweek hop were abloom with pink peonies. Looking over the tables, one could see the heads of the great pink and white blossoms.

Never, by the way, have I seen lovelier flowers and seldom so many as dear old General Gibson received on his eighty-ninth birthday anniversary on Monday last. His house was so filled with flowers that there was scarcely room for the guests who crowded in to wish him many happy returns. Any debutante might have been jealous of the display.

I think I'm safe in saying that a more industrious group of social women could not be found than those living in Edgemoor. Country life is new to most of them and they have all the enthusiasm of beginners. It's no unusual thing to see the women of this pretty little community—Mrs. Evans Brown, and their neighbors—digging in their flower gardens and many of them have vegetable gardens to boot.

Pretty little Mrs. Gravin Peters is so keen a gardener that she occasionally does her own plowing with a hand plow, although there are men about the place for that very work. But these amateur gardeners have their own troubles. Chickens abound in Edgemoor, some of the residents keep rabbits and, worse yet, some have dogs for pets. All of which spells disaster for gardens and drives the ladies of Edgemoor to sudden realizations of the fact that they are not so much the "Miss Betty Trotter" and her campaign against "Donkeys, Janet, donkeys!"

## Mrs. Mills Not To Come Here At Once.

Mrs. Chester Mills and her baby, little Miss Marshall Mills, are not coming to Washington just now. Isn't that disappointing? They landed safely in San Francisco last week on their return journey from the Philippines, but circumstances necessitated a change of plan, and they went at once to Hot Springs, N. C., to be with Mrs. Mills' grandfather.

With the hot weather coming on—at least I suppose it's coming some day—they will now probably delay their visit to Washington until September, when Lieutenant Mills is due back in the country. Then General and Mrs. Mills will have a family reunion under their hospitable roof. Marshall Mills was born in the Philippines, and her grandparents have never seen her.

## She Always Was

## A Popular Girl.

Gertrude Mills has always been a popular girl and there has been no waning of popularity since she became Gertrude Lauson. To the tale of the numerous luncheon, tea and dinner parties in her honor, which have been in order since her return to Washington, may be added the dinner party, the Ruggles gave last week, Mrs. Marlborough Churchill's tea and another tea party, with Marie Stevens as hostess.

This was by way of being a porch party or garden tea, for the Stevens—Marie is the daughter of Major and Mrs. Lauson, and you know are fond of having an al fresco touch to all their parties since they moved to the country. Their place is near Berwyn and a very charming one it is.

Duly impressed by the usefulness of the training she received at the National Service School at Chevy Chase, Mrs. Ryan Devereux is undertaking to continue the same line of work at home and to pass her information on to others. Every Monday morning she turns her home over to a gathering of thirty or more women, mostly neighbors, who roll up for their army and navy and take lessons in first aid work.

Dr. Devereux, who is not only a prominent physician but who saw service in the Spanish war, is giving a series of short talks at these meetings. One of the physicians connected with the camp, which was pitched a short distance from his home in Bradley Lane, Mrs. Devereux is an exponent of an

idea which deserves more serious consideration—that it is time for us to prepare comforts for our own soldiers and that too many of our supplies for the sick and wounded are being sent out of this country. The unnecessary suffering and loss of life among our soldiers during the Spanish war, due to the same unprepared condition of the country as exists today, is still fresh in the minds of Dr. and Mrs. Devereux. They deserve credit for the time and labor they are expending on this patriotic work.

Mrs. Devereux is a wonder to me in any way. In addition to looking after the affairs of a large house and ten children, she has time for social duties and for philanthropic activities without number.

Dr. and Mrs. Devereux and the children will go to Woodbury Forest for part of the summer as they did last year. With their beautiful home and extensive grounds in Chevy Chase, it is a most desirable place to spend the summer. Mrs. Devereux believes that everyone—children in particular—needs a change occasionally.

## Atlantis Rediscovered in Quaint Old Georgetown.

Since the new Q street bridge has been opened everybody has been driving to the county by way of the new route, which is better than the old Massachusetts and Connecticut avenue drives; and it's just surprising to note how dear old Georgetown has come back into vogue as a result. You hear people raving about Georgetown as if it were the lost Atlantis rediscovered, with its civilization perfectly preserved. All because a street has been opened that should have been closed.

Over at the Georgetown end of the new bridge the Fleming Newbolds are restoring their splendid old place in a fashion that is doing credit to a vote of public approval. It was a fine old colonial mansion, but needed some refurbishing and modernizing. Instead of tearing it down and making a parish modern affair of it, they are preserving everything colonial in its lines and design, and with three years and a few vines it will be as good an eighteenth century example as Mt. Vernon or Monticello; and so much more appropriate to Georgetown than anything modern!

The only thing to mar Dorothy Taylor's complete happiness in her preparations for her marriage to Robert Courtland Hilliard was the fact that Minneapolis is so far from Washington. And Mr. Hilliard frankly states that if she comes here to the wedding, under five years his feelings will be hurt.

Dorothy has decided to have a simple home wedding, with a big reception to follow, and it appears that the first two weeks of June will be given over to festivities in her honor.

This attractive little lady, who, in her quiet way, is one of the most popular girls in town, is a granddaughter of the late James Maury Morris, of Louisiana County, Va., whose plantation was famous for its tobacco. The place is now the Taylors' summer home, although they spend part of each season on the adjoining place which belongs to Admiral Taylor. Both the Taylors and the Morris are of distinguished Virginia ancestry.

They tell me Frances Effinger is almost never without a dainty bit of sewing, that she stitches dutifully during every leisure moment, even when she's out on her feet. Now don't jump to conclusions, and I don't know a thing about it. But if she is she should take with her when she goes off to the Adirondacks for the summer.

In one of our smart shops I saw recently a picturesque garden hat, a large roomy work bag and a comfortable cushion all to match. The bag and the cushion were made of all same like the rings which formed the handles by which both bag and cushion could be slipped over the wrist. Doesn't that have the sound of a convenient—and likewise becoming—accompaniment for an afternoon's stroll in the woods?

World Famous Artist To Paint Her Portrait. Mrs. Matthew T. Scott has at last been persuaded to have her portrait painted—a stunning thing—but not

for Continental Memorial Hall. It's for her daughters, and the artist, if you please, is no less a personage than Emil Fuchs. He has been coming from New York at intervals and it appears that one more sitting will see the portrait finished. Then Mrs. Freeman is going to have a little party—a very little party, just a few intimates—to view the picture of her mother and to meet Mr. Fuchs.

The artist is very much pleased with his subject, and Mrs. Scott and her daughters are united in being highly gratified with Mr. Fuchs' work. It is probable that later on a copy of the portrait will be made to be hung at Continental Hall, where Mrs. Scott's portrait is now. President General of the D. A. R. is still vacant. You may remember I wrote you of the unveiling of the portrait of her illustrious ancestor, at the hall during the D. A. R. Congress.

## Rifle Drill Draws Big Crowd To Range.

When I passed the Riding and Hunt Club last Friday afternoon I decided that a party of some sort was going on inside for the suburb was lined with motors. But no; it was the Rifle Range Association's weekly drill. When the clubhouse business men's camp opens next month, the thirty-five or forty men who will flock to Washington will be seasoned troops compared to the other rookies, for they not only had a month's training at the camp last summer but have been drilling all winter at the Riding Club under the able instruction of Capt. "Billy Mitchell. Now that the warm weather is upon us, the fact, they do most of their drilling out of doors, leaving the club by the bridge path along Rock Creek.

When Mr. and Mrs. I. T. Mann leave Washington on Wednesday, accompanied by their children and Mrs. Mann's sister, Hannah Hepley, for their home in Bramwell, Va., they will not go by motor as they had planned. They are starting on their journey on July 1 en route to Bass Rock, where they have taken a cottage for the summer. Mr. Mann, who went to New York early in the week, has returned.

Whenever I walk of a morning between 8:30 and 9 o'clock back of the White House grounds, I never fail to meet the Postmaster General, accompanied by his little wife. Some times one or the other of his daughters makes a third in the family party, but Mrs. Burleson is always with her husband. Gen. Ernest Garlington is another fortunate man who has his wife for a companion. He is always seen walking to the War Department in the mornings.

## Mrs. C. W. Wetmore Is Honor Guest At Tea.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Wetmore, who are the Powells' guests for New York early this week, Mrs. Wetmore, who was Elizabeth Bland, of New Orleans, was the honor guest at the pretty little Mrs. J. K. Ohi gave on Friday. She has attained distinction as a letter writer. It also has been found necessary to reduce the salary of the principal and to do away with the services of an assistant teacher.

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BAPTIST CONGREGATION  
IS TOPIC OF SERMON

Rev. Eugene B. Jackson Tells  
Alexandria Congregation of  
Asheville Gathering.

ALEXANDRIA, May 28.—The Rev. Eugene B. Jackson, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist Church, who recently returned from the Baptist convention held at Asheville, N. C., gave the congregation of the First Baptist Church at this morning's service, his impressions of that convention, which he declared was one of the most important in the history of the church.

At the Second Presbyterian Church this morning Adjt. W. H. Heift, of the Salvation Army, of Washington, delivered an address on the subject, "The Rev. John L. Allison, D. D., who has gone to Bristol, Tenn.

Willard Blewett was the winner of the annual declamation contest of the Alexandria High School Literary Society, held last night in the Trinity M. E. Church. The other contestants were Miss Evelyn Howard, Miss Catherine Henderson and Walter Barrett.

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary J. Gaines, wife of James A. Gaines, were held this afternoon from her home on Washington street, and her remains were sent to Fairfax, Va., for interment.

On Thursday, June 8, the past masters of Alexandria-Washington Lodge, No. 22, will confer the master mason's degree in Alexandria-Washington Lodge.

Edward S. Fawcett, of this city, foreign agent of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, has recently completed an investigation of the cotton manufacturing machinery industry of the United States, which has just been published by Secretary Redfield.

Misses Hannah and Nita Pike, who have been visiting relatives here, left yesterday for their home in Stafford county.

## ROCKVILLE.

Annual examinations for certificates to teach in the white public schools of Montgomery county will be held at the Rockville High School June 6, 7 and 8, and will be conducted by Prof. Willis B. Burt.

The Rockville Academy, one of the oldest institutions of learning in Maryland, has been seriously crippled financially by the action of the Legislature in cutting off the annual State allowance of \$20,000, which has been received for 105 years. As a result, the trustees have found it necessary to reduce the salaries of the faculty from fifteen to eight and to confine them to boys not under thirteen years old. Heretofore there were eight free scholarships for girls, too. It also has been found necessary to reduce the salary of the principal and to do away with the services of an assistant teacher.

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On the evening of June 7 class night exercises will be held, with an address by the Rev. William I. Carroll, S. T. L. Graduation exercises will be held on June 8 when Cardinal Gibbons will preside, and Judge William H. De Lacy will be the speaker.

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## Evening Services in the Churches

Foundry M. E. Church, Sixteenth and Church streets, Rev. W. R. Wedderpoon. Sermon by Rev. Francis M. McCoy, 8 p. m.

Second Baptist Church, Fourth street and Virginia avenue, Rev. Howard I. Stewart. Memorial services to patriotic organizations, subject, "American Guns," 8 p. m.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Columbia road and Euclid street. "Ancient and Modern Necromancy Alias Mesmerism and Hypnotism Denounced," 8 p. m.

Second Church of Christ, Scientist, Fifteenth and R streets. "Ancient and Modern Necromancy Alias Mesmerism and Hypnotism Denounced," 8 p. m.

Mt. Vernon Place M. E. Church, South, Ninth and K streets, Rev. Edward K. Hardin. "Fools Who Have Passed for Wise Men," 8 p. m.

Hamline M. E. Church, Ninth and P streets, Rev. Lucius C. Clark. Address by Mrs. Jacob Bernheim, of Chicago, 8 p. m.

Church of the Covenant, Connecticut avenue, Eighteenth and N streets, Rev. Charles Wood. Address by Walter M. Chandler on "The Trial of Jesus From a Lawyer's Standpoint," 8 p. m.

Grace Baptist Church, Ninth and D streets southeast, Rev. F. W. Johnson. "A Christian Soldier," 7:45 p. m.

Centennial Baptist Church, Seventh and I streets northeast. Sermon by the Rev. E. Hex Swem and baptism, 8 p. m.

Vermont Avenue Christian Church, Vermont avenue and N street, Rev. Earle Wilfley. Annual nature sermon, 8 p. m.

Ninth Street Christian Church, Ninth and D streets northeast, Rev. George A. Miller. "Prisoners of Hope," 7:45 p. m.

First Congregational Church, Tenth and G streets, Rev. Robert Wood Coe. Final evening with choir until October, 8 p. m.

Grace-Episcopal Church, Georgetown, Wisconsin avenue and South street, Rev. G. W. Atkinson, jr. Evensong, 7:30 p. m.

Wauh M. E. Church, Third and A streets northeast, Rev. F. M. McCoy. Sermon by Rev. Dr. W. E. Edgin, 7 p. m.

All Souls' Church, Fourteenth and L streets, Rev. U. G. B. Pierce. Liberal Religious Union, 8 p. m.

Fifth Baptist Church, E, near Seventh street southwest, Rev. John E. Briggs. Services by Baraca and Philathea classes, 7:45 p. m.

First Presbyterian Church, John Marshall place, Rev. John Brittain Clark. "The Vital Matter of Sin," 8 p. m.

Gunton-Temple Memorial Presbyterian Church, Fourteenth and R streets, Rev. C. Everett Granger. "The Duty of the Christian Church Relative to War," 5 p. m.

Shiloh Baptist Church, L street, between Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets, Rev. J. Milton Waldron. "Some of the Blessings of Sorrow," 8 p. m.

Metropolitan Baptist Church, Sixth and A streets northeast, Rev. John Compton Ball. "Why a Christian Is Sure of Holding Out," 7:45 p. m.

McKendree M. E. Church, Massachusetts avenue, near Ninth street, Rev. L. Morgan Chambers. "Seeking Success," 8 p. m.

Trinity M. E. Church, Pennsylvania avenue and Fifth street southeast, Rev. J. Phelps Hand. "The Harvest That Is to Be," 7:30 p. m.

Union M. E. Church, Twentieth street, near Pennsylvania avenue, Rev. John MacMurray. "Memorials," 8 p. m.

Dumbarton Avenue M. E. Church, Dumbarton avenue, Georgetown, Rev. D. H. Martin. "Americanism," 8 p. m.

Metropolitan M. E. Church, John Marshall place and C street, Rev. Harry D. Mitchell. "Shouting Amid Tears, a Memorial Day Meditation," 8 p. m.

Douglas Memorial M. E. Church, Eleventh and H streets northeast, Rev. C. C. McLain. Stereopticon lecture on "Ben Hur," 7:30 p. m.

Wesley Chapel M. E. Church, Fifth and F streets northwest, Rev. Howard F. Downs. "Honor to Whom Is Due," 8 p. m.

Calvary M. E. Church, Columbia road, near Fourteenth street, Rev. James Shera Montgomery. "Abraham Lincoln—the World's Commander," 8 p. m.

New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York Avenue, Thirteenth and H streets, Rev. Wallace Radcliffe. "The Call to the Colors," Rev. Mark Mathews, 8 p. m.

Westminster Memorial Presbyterian Church, Seventh street southwest, Rev. T. E. Davis. "The Sword Sheathed in Flowers," 8 p. m.

Metropolitan Presbyterian Church, Fourth and B streets southeast, Rev. Paul R. Hickok. Memorial service to members of Sons of Veterans, 7:45 p. m.

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